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File No. 67 of 94
Serial No. 1-12

Sub:— Repairs and Maintenance of ~~Emission~~ Mission tanks

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CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Section 12
File No 67 C.A.
Serial No

REVENUE BRANCH.

OFFICE NOTE.

SUBJECT. Repairs and maintenance of minor Tanks

LAST REFERENCE. Letter No. 1659 dated 7th September 19
from the Chief Engineer of Mysore.

Vide letter no 82.
(Paper no 17).

The Deputy Commissioner Tumkur District, having solicited instructions as to whether the orders in regard to the annual maintenance of minor Tanks by the Ryots concerned after the Tanks have been brought up to standard & formally handed over

to them for up-keep, can be held applicable to those not brought up to standard, and not handed over to them, the question was referred for opinion to the Chief Engineer, who in reply forwards 2 copies of circulars on the subject issued in the P.W.D. in 1878, and states that they do not appear to have been rescinded. These circulars empower Revenue officers to exert themselves to induce the Ryots to maintain all minor Tanks whether restored or not in as complete a state of safety & efficiency as possible. Col: Bonsen says that this

Vide No 3180/R2 286 (Paper No 18)

Vide No 4639 of 7.9.94.

Paras V of Cir: No 1271 of Cir: No 13.

to such lands as are specially or otherwise as by situation near a Railway line are important, and they must be brought up to a standard of fertility independently of the Ryots' obligations above specified -

(4). The maintenance of such ~~other~~ lands as have been brought up to a standard by the Ryots and handed over to Ryots further infertility devolves upon them & should be strictly enforced under the Rules of the 2nd Oct. 1873. These rules anticipate the work of a regulating Ryot to be carried out by the Village Patel and the cost recovered as a revenue arrear. These rules should be strictly enforced -

(5) With regard to all other lands all the

Revenue authorities should endeavour to raise the annual maintenance demanded by Regents. Such endeavour will be by using their reasonable influence and persuading the Regents to do what is expected of them, and what in the long-run will prove to their own interest. Coercive measures are not necessary and cannot now be sanctioned.

(6) Everything in the Drill should be carefully inspected once a year and the result of their inspection reported in a register to be kept for the purpose. Rules 8 to 12 of the Rules above referred to are not strictly enforced. The attention of the Govr should be called to these rules and their careful enforcement strictly enjoined.

I shall be obliged if Col Hozier

SECRETARY'S OFFICE
Regd. No. 1334
7 MAR. 1896
V&C P. W. Dept.

Revenue this file will be sent forward me with any more suggestions he may have to make in this matter.

4/3/96

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No. 7904 / R-77-286-92 & 5/3/96.

Forwarded with the Secretary's Office for Revenue Department

REVENUE DEPARTMENT
Gl. No. 6835
R No. 4741
11 MAR. 96
DEWAN'S OFFICE

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The minute above embodies my opinion on the general subject, but I believe the "influence" of the Revenue authorities is not sufficient to "induce" the ryots to execute voluntarily the timely repairs to the vast number of small tanks that dot the country. I fear but little has been done or is being done to such tanks, notwithstanding our promise to do the stonework & masonry at Govt cost, when the ryots had done or commenced to do the earthwork & turfing to any tank. Therefore I suggested for the consideration of Government the issue of an order empowering the Revenue officers to carry out maintenance work to minor tanks, recovering cost as a Revenue demand — just as is done in the case of major & other notified tanks formally "handed over to the ryots." Unless this is done, or unless Govt undertake the gradual restoration & permanent maintenance of all tanks, major & minor, deterioration & final collapse must go on — the latter alternative no doubt a formidable & expensive undertaking.

C. Sankaran Nair
Chairman.

10-3-96

Inform mover.
11/3.

Submit to Secy. 12/3/96

Laid before the Commissioner
C

12-3-96

Draft what I have written in the form of an order & give -

Draft. 17/3/96

With regard to the question raised by Col Bowen of charging on Sinking Fund Annuities & to prevent their determination I am quite of the opinion that the Forests undertake their repairs - both Civil & Marine Officers shd cooperate. & try to collect as much contribution as possible - A fair amount of money shd be set apart for these works only in each Dockyard every year -

Draft 17/3/96

Please obtain a statement from each Dkt showing approximately the irrigation cess or equivalent collected from such lands. We shall then be able to form an idea for allotting funds in the next Budget. Dkys obtain this information as soon as possible

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Chief Engineer's No. 290
& 19th January 1901

R07 Pr.
26/2/01.

(1) Yes - Please call upon the Dy Comr for early report & explanation.

(2) ~~In special~~ The under-proposal is good - but - & ~~the~~ ~~alternate~~ is expensive - let us have also of such towns related shunded over for up keep

3) Ask the Chief Engr to send a list of such towns

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27.2.01

D.O. to C
27/2/01 -
C. Sec
28/2/01

1. Dept. Sanitary
2.
3. Such Reports are being collected. Please see F R07 of 00/01 here.
Write Sanitary -
28/2

on the subject together with an explanation of his inattention to the Chief's Engineer's requisition concerning the tank, was called for from the Dy. Comr. Vide this office No. 6805 of 6. 3. 01. No reply has been received from the Dy Comr. as yet. A reminder (No. 8390 / R.J. 286-92) has also been sent to the Dy Comr. on 17. 4. 01.

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4. In his letter No. 2028 dated 20. 4. 1901, the Chief Engineer solicits early orders on the suggestion made by him. Vide the last portion of the 2nd para above.

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5. The Chief Engineer also reports, in his letter No. 2247 of 22. 4. 01, that the bund of the Mandya large tank, Regd. No. 14, Mandya Taluk, has been allowed

Serial No. 31.

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allowed to deteriorate, that the Dy. Comr., who was asked to obtain the explanation of the Amildar, has forwarded the explanation and states that it cannot be accepted as satisfactory. In his explanation the Amildar states that earth-work as specified in the margin was done by the receipts to the tank and that the earth used for the purpose not being good, it was washed away by the rain year after year down the rear slope of the bund into the side drains of the Mandya-Basral Road, from where it is being removed every year to the other side of the drain by the P.W.D.

1893-94	---	Rs 66-0-0
1894-95, 1895-96	---	1419-6-0.
1898-99	---	118-8-0
1899-1900	---	121-0-0.
		1724-14-0

The Chief Engineer is of opinion that the Amildar and his predecessors who were in charge of the tank since 1883, the year in which

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the tank was restored, and who allowed the bund to deteriorate to its present deplorable condition, to the dangers of the Railway lie immediately below, deserve the special censure of Government. He states that the earth-work required to bring the bund to standard will now be carried out by the P. W. D., for recovery from rights as a revenue demand, as it is absolutely necessary that this important tank should be put into a state of safety at once; and that it seems necessary that stringent orders should issue to the Dy. Comr. in view to the maintenance of this important tank being strictly insisted upon in future.

The Committee may consider this portion.

Serial No. 32. III

6. A third case of the same sort is brought to the notice of Govt. by the Chief Engineer in his letter No. 2379 of 29. 4. 01. The Bhadram tank in the

Vidlaghatta Taluk of the Kolar District has not been properly maintained. The channels having fallen into disrepair, the ryots not even clearing silt from them and have breached heavily in a few places. The tank and its channels were improved at an outlay of Rs 22,427 in 1888 and a revenue of Rs 6000/- (or an increase of Rs 5000/- over the previous revenue) was expected therefrom. The Chief Engineer addressed the Dy Comr on the subject in April 1893 and sent a reminder also in January 1899 but the Dy Comr has not replied as yet. An estimate for Rs 6,923/- for repairing the channels of the tank, of which Rs 2,472/- is the cost of earthwork, has been sanctioned by the Chief Engineer, as the ryots have failed to carry out the maintenance

work

within the three years that have elapsed since the reference made to the Govt Commr and as it was inadvisable to allow these important channels to remain in their present unsatisfactory State. The work has been ordered to be carried out under the maintenance rules, debiting cost to Revenue Department for recovery as a revenue demand. The Chief Engr requests Govt to take such notice as they may wish —

(1) of the neglect of maintenance of these important channels, on the improvement of which Govt have spent Rs 6,437/- when restoring the tank in 1888;

(2) of the failure of the Revenue Department to enforce the maintenance rules

rules, though that neglect was specially brought to the notice of the Dep Commr in 1898;

and (3) of the want of interest evinced by that Department, in securing the increase of revenue, which after the lapse of 12 years since the Tank and channels were improved, is only Rs 1,371/- against about Rs 5000/- anticipated.

The Chief Engineer also solicits sanction to the entertainment of a Manegar on Rs 10/- per mensem for the proper conservancy of the channels which are nearly 6 miles long and states that this appointment is considered necessary both by the Executive

This is taking an entirely rapid view of the whole question. Something can be said about this in the course of evidence given before the Irrigation Commission.

This may be sanctioned

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of adopting the course of empowering the P. W. D. to carry out maintenance work in cases in which ryots fail to carry out work after lapse of notice served on them. Vide last portion of para 1 above.

The Rules do not permit this. It is a misnomer to call it maintenance work

Submitted to the Secretary for orders.

The action taken by the Chief Engineer is confirmed & general instructions issued as recommended by him.

17/5/01

Orders on the reference may await the final orders which might be passed on the recommendations

of a Committee
who shall have the
long suggestion for
the consideration
of the Secretary
connected with
our tariff policy

12 Jan 1887

Hon
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"117"
I do not know why
orders on this subject
have been delayed for
near Seven months.
There is further no
reason why the orders
decides the question upon other
grounds. There is nothing to
decide – The question has
been long ago decided and
there are valid, existing
& effective rules, which
have not been, by the neglect
supplied by new officers
Then officers if still in an anomalous
position in the service they ought

to be cashiered forthwith and their conduct properly reported
upon. Here is the rule – The Secretary is under the rule
of March 1873 bound to frequently inspect the work of the
Examiners & assistants, & when such officers are found wanting
in the exercise of the requisite care & skill they are peremptorily
removed & another appointed in their place. Now the rule is
not a mere form or an abstraction left for one of the
Examiners to carry it into effect, but it is a positive
enactment, & Congress, when it passed the law, had
the Examiners in view & intended by an express provision
to secure the efficiency of the Examiners.

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Minute

The question is not so clear as the Dewan would seem to think. It is in my opinion extremely difficult of solution as an important principle is involved in it. It is no other than whether under the Notification of 1873, the ryots can be held responsible for the cost of repairs to a tank which in some instances means not petty earth work costing a few hundred

hundred rupees but
practical restoration
of the tank costing
from to 6000 Rs.
No doubt if the annual
maintenance had been
attended to, the tanks
would not have de-
-teriorated to the extent
which necessitated the
incurring of a large
outlay but the Notifica-
-tion under which
we propose to proceed
contains penal provisions
which cannot be enforced
unless the formalities laid
down in them had been
observed by the Government
and

and village officers on whom certain duties are imposed.

It is the duty of the Patel and Shikdar to assign the work to be done by the ryots, and the periods at which the repairs shall be done are also to be fixed by the village authorities. Consequently as long as there has been no requisition on the part of the village authorities, it cannot be said that the ryots have been in default.

default.

Secondly, the work which the ryots are bound to do under the rules as "tank maintenance" is defined in Rule 4 as consisting of "ordinary earth and turf work repairs of every description". It cannot be said that extraordinary repairs due to the accumulated neglect of years, and amounting really to the restoration of the tank, fall under the above definition; and for the cost of such works, therefore, the ryots

cannot

maintaining the work in repair, a duty which has not long been strictly enforced, and which certainly ceased al-
-together on the recent introduction of an irrigation cess in express commutation of it" (vide Minute by the Chief Commissioner of Mysore dated 13th August 1878).

Also opinions are divided as to whether in the first place the Notification of 1873 has the force of law.

I have endeavoured however not to allow these legal defects to influence my action and have proceeded upon the assumption that the rules are enforcible but have endeavoured to temper their application whenever it appeared to me that their strict enforcement would cause hardship.

If the Dewan wishes me to follow the precedent in the order passed by Government in Proceedings No 3035-43/ Pet 452 dated 11th October 1900 all

I have endeavoured to take every precaution to see that the St Louis Columbus & other officers do not neglect their duties under the Inquiry 1893 See Govt Proc. Inquiry 50 dated 30th R 2712 May 1900

this is not the place to enter into the details of the question.

I have noted my remarks against each case.

M Jamil Hussain
14-5-02

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(General Serial No. 30.)

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From The Deputy Commissioner Tumkur District

Section AR

File No 67-94

Serial No 1

To

The Chief Secretary to the ~~Dewan~~ Govt. of Mysore.

Dated 2nd July 94

Despatched 2nd do

Received

Enclosures No.

General No. 82

No.

Government order No. 223-3-8 of the 22nd June 94 R. 7286-92

Soliciting instructions in the matter of recovering the cost of annual maintenance work as a revenue demand whenever the ryots fail to do the work voluntarily to minor tanks not brought to standard.

Subject

Correspondence relating to a revenue demand for recovering of cost of maintenance work when ryots are unwilling to undertake, and Strict enforcement of Rules re. Conservancy of Minor Tanks.

To

The Chief Engineer No 3.80 R 7286-2

22/8/94.

P.S.

Rec 12/8/94

No 82

Tinnevelly District
Deputy Commissioner's office
Tinnevelly 21st July 1894

To

The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Madras

Sir,

In para 3 of Government Order No. 22878-8 (S.No. 15) of the 22nd June 1894, R.H 286-92 it has been ruled that "in the case of minor tanks the ryots' duty in regard to annual maintenance should be duly enforced". If the ryots fail to do the annual maintenance work to tanks brought to standard (whether major or minor) such work may be got done and the cost recovered as a revenue demand as per Notification No. 65 (S.No. 1) of the 2nd October, 1893. But no such authority is given in the case of tanks not yet brought to standard, and yet

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in the order above quoted it has been stated that the ryots duty in regard to the annual maintenance should be duly enforced. If the order refers only to tanks brought to standard then it is all right. But if it also refers to minor tanks not brought to standard then authority will have to be given to have the maintenance work done and the cost recovered like a revenue demand whenever the ryots fail to do the work voluntarily. I have made this reference because an officer, in the execution of the order in question, had to seek instructions in the matter.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
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Deputy Commissioner
Tumkur District

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(4) 1894.

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MYSORE P. W. DEPARTMENT.

No. 4533 R 788

From

The Chief Engineer of Mysore.

To The Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore 1st September 1894.

Despatched

Enclosure No.

SUBJECT.

Informing that the Engineer concurs in the opinion expressed by the Deputy Commissioner Kadur District regards Main Tanks.

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Ref to Sec Mysore for Orders

Mysore Govt. C. P. Bangalore.—10-9-92—1,000.

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Section
File No. 87-94
Serial No. 4

From

The Chief Engineer
of Mysore.

To The Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore

Dated Bangalore 1st September 1894.

Despatched

Enclosures No.

SUBJECT.

Suggesting for the consideration of Government the issue of an order empowering Revenue Officers to carry out Minor Tank works, recovering cost as a Revenue demand from Ryots.

Mysore Govt. C. Press, Bangalore.—13-4-94—500.

(4) No. 1639

MYSORE P. W. DEPARTMENT

CENTRAL OFFICE,

Bangalore, 7th September 1899.

From

Colonel C. Boyen
The Chief Engineer of Mysore,

Bangalore.

To

The Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

Sir,

R 788

In continuation of the letter No. 1583 dated 7th instant, regarding the maintenance of minor tanks by inspectors, I have the honor to forward for information, a copy of the memorandum issued by the Secretary to the Public Works Department in 1897, which does not appear to have been rescinded. This Circular requires Revenue Officers to lend assistance to Irrigation Inspectors to maintain all minor tanks, whether entered on or not, in as complete a state of repair and efficiency as possible. The rule can, without difficulty be enforced under the maintenance rule of the Revenue, in the case of tanks that have been brought

Public Works Department Circular

1. P.W. Secretary's Circular No. 2 of 15th August 1897.
2. Chief Engineer's Circular No. 18 of 24th August 1897.

brought up to standard and formally handed over, but not so as regards unrestored tanks not handed over, as there is no authority to have the maintenance work done and the cost recovered like a revenue demand when the Ryots fail to do the work themselves. As it is obviously necessary that such tanks should be maintained in a complete state of efficiency irrespective, until they are taken up under the Minor Tanks Restoration Scheme, I would suggest for the consideration of Government the issue of an order enjoining on Revenue Officers to carry out such maintenance work, recovering cost as a revenue demand, as in the case of restored tanks.

Madras the 4th

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

C. Ibbetson. Colonel

Chief Engineer & Secretary.

Commissioner
4th September
1874

or are otherwise, as legislation near a railway line, dispersed land tenure. Should therefore be brought up to a standard of safety independently of the ~~[illegible]~~ maintenance alone specified.

4. The maintenance of such roads as have been brought up to standard by the P.W.D. and have been given to Patels for their up-keep should be strictly enforced under the rules contained in Notification No. 65 of 1873, dated 2nd October 1873. Under these rules the work of a defaulting Patel should be carried out by the Village Patel and the cost thereof recovered as a revenue arrear.

5. With regard to all other roads, the Revenue Authorities should endeavour to have the annual or periodical work done by Patels

by using their reasonable influence and persuading the people to do what is expected of them and what in the long run will prove to their own interest. Coercive measures are not necessary and cannot be countenanced.

6. Copy of this Dispatch should be carefully perused every year and the Resident of the Native States in the Presidency should be requested to be kept for the purpose.

The attention of the Govt of India is drawn to Govt Nos 7249-57 & 8448-56 R 2912 Pol-F 5-97 dated 14/4/99 & 30/5/00 respectively laying down subsidiary instructions in regard to the enforcement of the Ch Commr's notfn no 65 dt 22/10/73, and Govt trust that they will be duly carried out.

To Govt of India
To Ch Supt

See 7

Press copy sent

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Interesting

MYSORE P. W. DEPARTMENT,

No. 290

CENTRAL OFFICE,

Bangalore, 19 — / — 1894.

From

The Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
P. W. Department.

Section LR

File No 67-94

Serial No 6

To

The Secretary to the Govt of Mysore,
General & Revenue depts.

(26)

SIR,

With reference to Govt. Proceedings No 3355-/Ret 352 dated 3rd October 1890 I have the honor to report the following case in such action as Govt may consider necessary to take in the matter, as to the neglect on the part of the Revenue Department to enforce the maintenance Rules.

2. In 1889, the Kadur Major Tank in Tumkur District, was restored by Govt at an outlay of Rs 3000, and handed over to the Revenue Department for future maintenance by supts under the Concurrency rules of 1873.

3. In October 1890, the Executive Engineer inspected the tank and reported that "the present condition "of the bund is anything but satisfactory. Not "even a single satisfactory earth appears to "have been put after it was handed over. "The front and rear slopes are terribly cut "up into gullies, and the fencing of the cattle does "not seem to have been prohibited at all. In "some places, rain water has worked behind "the revetment and scoured the earth down "badly, resulting in settlement of stones.

bund in places is less than yard in width, though the sanctioned and executed width is 4 feet. In the centre, for a length of 7 yards bund is from 1 to 1½ feet below grade level. Land is not allowed to grow, as cattle graze on the bund facing x. Unless immediate steps are taken to make the bund to sanctioned details originally adopted, it may not be unlikely that the bund would be in danger in heavy rainfall years."

4. In sending up the Inspection note, the Supdg. Engineer suggested that, with a view to punish the agents concerned, and to set an example to others, the bund be repaired by Contract, & cost recovered from agents through Revenue Department.

5. In this Office No. 1012 dated 22 November 1895, with which copies of above correspondence were sent to Deputy Commissioner, he was asked to submit, for information of Government such explanation as he may be able to offer as regards the total neglect of maintenance brought to notice, and as to why the maintenance Rules were not enforced in this case, and what notice he proposes to take of the dereliction of duty on the part of the Revenue Officials. He was also asked to state whether he has any objection to the adoption of Supdg. Engineer's suggestion to carry out repairs by P. W. Department, recovering cost from agts.

(28) Page Engineers

No 6805 96/3

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X received 28-6-92

The Dy: Commr 6.7

Tumkur Sh.

Section XR
File No 67-94
Serial No 7

In forwarding herewith extracts of para 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 of Chief Engineer's letter no 293 - dated 19-1-01 bringing to notice the neglect on the part of the Revenue Deptt to enforce the maintenance rules as regards the Dessler (major) tank in the Tumkur Taluk, has the honor to request that the Dy Commr will be good enough to submit copy for the orders of Govt

a detailed report on the subject, together with an explanation of his inattention to the Chief Engineer's requisition concerning the Tank in question.

B.V.

21/3/01

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N.B.
The District Wee had back the file to Sri Rao. When done with

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Section KR
File No 67-94
Serial No 8

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MYSORE P. W. DEPARTMENT,

No. 2228

CENTRAL OFFICE,

Bangalore, 20th April 1932

From

The Chief Engineer of Mysore,
Bangalore.

To

The Secretary To Government of Mysore
Revenue and General Department.

SIR,

I have the honour to invite your attention to para 7 of this office No.290 dated 19th January last, suggesting for consideration and orders of Government, that in cases in which ryots fail or refuse to carry out maintenance work to a restored tank, they ~~may~~ be given a certain time (to be fixed by Deputy Commissioner) after lapse of which steps be at once taken by P.W.Department to carry out work, debiting actual outlay to Revenue Department for recovery as a revenue demand. I request you will be so good as to obtain early orders of Government on above reference.

(27)

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

M. McIntosh

Offg.Chief Engineer of Mysore.

a.P.J.

The file is under disposal.

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24/4/01

Pet. Br.

After this point please send the file together with this letter
AU
25/4/01

MYSORE P. W. DEPARTMENT.

No. 2228

DEPART... No. 7144 ... APR 1901

From

The Chief Engineer of Mysore,
Bangalore.

To The Secretary to Govt Revenue & General Depts

Dated Bangalore 20-4-01

Despatched

Enclosure No.

SUBJECT.

Inviting attention to this Office No: 290 dt 19-1-01 para 7 and requesting to obtain orders to give certain rights time to rights not carrying maintenance works to tanks.

Pet. Branch
Please put up R 7286 for B 92 which was put up for Govt No 5805 d 25-2-01
Pet 329
& sent to you on 22-4-01
AU
24-4-01

situated in the immediate vicinity of his Headquarters, I have submit herewith the Amildar's Explanation, together with the Deputy Commissioner's letter No.269 of the 6th instant, who states that he is unable to accept it as a satisfactory explanation. I am of opinion that the Amildar and his predecessors who were in charge of the Taluq since 1883, the year in which the tank was restored, and who allowed the bund to deteriorate to its present deplorable condition, to the danger of the Railway line immediately below, deserve the special censure of Government.

IV. The earth work required to bring the bund to standard will now be carried out by this Department, for recovery from ryots as a revenue demand, as it is absolutely necessary that this important tank should be put into a state of safety at once.

V. It seems also necessary that stringent orders should issue to Deputy Commissioner Mysore District, in view to the maintenance of this important tank being strictly insisted upon in future.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. D. W. Hutchin

Offg Chief Engineer of Mysore.

Enclosures:-
Dy. Commr's No. 269 of 6-4-01
Amildars No. 640 of 3-12-00.

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R. No 77
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No 663
Sri file

I have the honor to forward herewith (in original) Manager's Tamil days report on the subject of maintaining the band of Manza large tank and to request to be kindly informed whether any action has been taken on the suggestion made by the Tamildar. The enclosure accompanies. —

S. Ratnabalasingam
Sub-Collector
Tamil Rocks

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No 63/1 file
20/2/01

To
Sri Sub Collector Tamil Rocks R. No. 70 d. 24/2/01
Manza

Forwarded in original for report, after inspecting the tanks.

Harry Swallow
Executive Engineer
Tamil Rocks Div

Dy 22.2.01

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MYSORE P W. DEPARTMENT.

No. 2373 / 7367 / 4496

GENERAL DEPARTMENT MAY 2 - 1901 REVENUE OFFICE

From

THE ~~SECRETARY TO THE~~ ~~GOVT.~~ OF MYSORE.

To The Secretary to the Government of Mysore General and Revenue Department

Dated Bangalore, 27th April 1901.

Despatched

Enclosure No.

SUBJECT.

Reporting the failure on the part of repts to maintain the Bradrain tank and channels in Siddaganga Taluq, Kolar District, of the negligence on the part of Revenue Deptt in enforcing the Maintenance rules, also requesting sanction to entertain a Mineur for the tank.

File No. 67-94
Serial No. 18

Rer 2-5-01

Rer 3.5.01

Submitted to Secy with draft. The matter calls for some notice by Govt.

4/5/01

MYSORE P. W. DEPARTMENT.

No. 2377

BANGALORE, 29 April 19

From

THE ~~SECRETARY TO THE GOVT.~~ Chief Engineer OF MYSORE,

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

To The Secretary to the Government of Mysore, General and Revenue Departments.

SIR,

I have the honor to report that the Bhadra Cut and its channels in Addaghatta Taluk, Kolar District, were improved by Government at an outlay of Rs 22,427/- in 1888, and a revenue of Rs 6,000 was expected from such improvement, or an increase of about Rs 5000/-.

II In his inspection note of 14th April 1898, the Superintending Engineer Eastern Circle brought to notice that there had been no appreciable increase of revenue, owing to the channels having fallen into disrepair (the Ryots did not even clear silt from them) and being breached heavily in a few places - a copy of this report was sent to the Deputy Commissioner

correspondence with this office No. 229 dated 25th April 1898 and he was asked to furnish any explanation he may have to offer in connection of Government, (1) as to why the maintenance rules in this case were not enforced, (2) why the necessary maintenance work should not be carried out at once by Government, and not recovered as a revenue demand from defaulting Ryots; and (3) to state the real cause of there being no appreciable increase of revenue, present revenue being monthly Rs 3,000/- whereas the total expected revenue was Rs 6,000/- No reply has yet been received from the Deputy Commissioner although a reminder was sent to him on the 8th January 1899.

III In Case Superintending Engineer now submits, for orders, an estimate amounting to Rs 6,925/- for repairing the channels of this tank of which Rs 2,472 is cost of earthwork required

required for re-grading the channels and strengthening their banks, and the balance for repairing many works &c. The Ryots having failed to carry out the maintenance work within the 3 years that have elapsed since the Deputy Commissioner was addressed on this subject, and it being inadmissable to allow these important channels to remain any longer in their present unsatisfactory state, I have authorized the Superintending Engineer to have this work carried out under the Maintenance Rules, debiting cost to Revenue Department for recovery as a revenue demand.

IV I request that you will be so good as to lay the matter before Government, for such notice as they may wish to take (1) of the neglect of maintenance of these important channels (on the improvement of which Government spent Rs 6,480/= when restoring the tank in 1888), (2) of the failure of the

Revenue.

revenue department to enforce the maintenance rules though that neglect was specially brought to the notice of the deputy commissioner in 1898, and who has not even replied to the reference on the subject, and (3) of the want of interest displayed by that department in securing the increase of revenue, which after the lapse of 12 years since the canals and channels were improved, is only Rs 1071/- against about Rs 9000/- anticipated.

I also request that you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government to the entertainment of a moegar on Rs 15/- per mensem, as the same is considered necessary both by the Executive Engineer and Deputy Commissioner, for the better conservancy of the channels which are nearly 6 miles long.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

M. D. W. Studdy

Officiating Chief Engineer
of Burma

A.P.S.

proposed in para 7 of this Office No. 290 dated 19th January last, viz, that the P.W.Department be empowered to carry out maintenance work, in cases in which ryots fail to carry out work, after lapse of notice served on them.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your most obedient Servant,

M. N. Chellam

Offg. Chief Engineer of Mysore.

x Copies of C.E. Engineer report on the Tamaka
do - C.E. Engineer O.M. 12.5.25 to Dy. Comr.
do - Dy. Commr's O.M. 29.4.25 with
its enclosures

maintenance under should not be enforced in the case of Kallari Reddiyar in the Gandhiyam Estate. 31/2

As the report states that the undersigned inspected Kallari lands today in the presence of the Villagers. The land is in strong hands, as stated in the enclosed Chief Engineer's letter. The ryots are not willing to carry out the contract, as some holding lands near the lands are not native of the place, & some who are the residents of the place are Brahmins who generally evade the work.

Under the circumstances, the ryots may carry out the contract in addition to the 10% work provided in the estimate, whereby the amount due recovered from the ryots in Revenue demand.

The Divisional reports that the Villagers failed to execute the annual repairs, strong & repeated orders were issued to them in this subject.

Endorsement letter of the Chief Engineer received with the secretary's report & the divisional reports he & the Executive Engineer, together with their enclosures, are herewith returned.

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Secretary agent
Chidambaram

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N. Sathim

Assistant Secretary
Office of the Chief Commr. of Coorg

Bangalore
4/5/50

assessment of Rs 58/-. The present culti-
vation is put down as 1.9 acres, yielding a
revenue of Rs 677/-

4. The Revetment is said to be in order,
except in few places where it has bulged out.

5. The present estimate provides for raising
the bund to R.L. 55.00, rebuilding the revet-
ment where it is bulged out and repairing
the weirs.

6. It has a catchment basin of 4-8 sq. miles
and the present length of weir, viz. 132 ft is
sufficient for discharging with 2½ feet
head a run off of ½ an inch per hour.

(Sd.) C.C. Ramachala Mudaliar
Executive Engineer
Kolar Division.

Kolar
2-3-1900

True copy

N. Aiyar

Assistant Secretary
Office of the Chief Engineer & Secy. to Govt.

Bangalore
4/6/1921

Draft orders for submission to 1st Commissioner.

Read:-

The following communications from the Chief Engineer in Mysore:-

1. Letter No. 290 of 9th January 1891, stating that the Kechur (Major) tank in the Tumkur Taluk, which was restored by Govt at an outlay of Rs 2,550/- and handed over to the Revenue Deptt in 1889 for future maintenance by raiyats, was not maintained as required by the rules, and that it being inadvisable to allow the tank to remain in its unsafe condition, the Supty Engineer was authorized to carry out the necessary work at once; and suggesting that in cases in which raiyats fail or refuse to carry out maintenance work to a restored tank, they be given a certain time (to be fixed by the Commr) after

after the lapse of which, steps be at once taken by the D.P.W. to execute the work, debiting the actual outlay to the Revenue Department for recovery as a revenue demand.

(2) Letter No 2244 dated 22nd April 1904, stating that the earth-work required to bring to standard, the bund of the Mandya tank, Reg^d No 14, Mandya Taluk, which has been allowed to deteriorate greatly, will be carried out by the P.W.D., as it is absolutely necessary to put ~~the~~ the important ~~tank~~ tank into a state of safety at once, the cost incurred being recovered from the raiyats concerned as a revenue demand.

(3) Letter No 2379 dated 29th April 1904, reporting that an estimate for Rs 6,923/- (including Rs 2,472/-, the cost of earth-work)

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2. The deteriorated condition of the tanks has been brought about by the sheer neglect of the Rev Officers to enforce the rules for the maintenance of tanks. These officers, if still in ~~an accountable position in the~~ Service, should be called upon by the Dy Comrs concerned to submit their explanations for the orders ~~which should be forwarded to~~ Govt ~~for orders~~.

closed for affd.

3. The establishment of a Manager on Rs 150 per mensem for the conservancy of the Bhadravati tank & channels is sanctioned.

24/3/02 Secretary

To:
The Chief Engineer in Mysore.
The Dy Comr, Kolar Dt.
" Mysore Dt.
" Tumkur Dt.